

Creative Freestyle Project High School

Conservation Districts are urged to make students aware of the following definitions to ensure that the projects display content relevant to the nature of conservation.

- **"Conservation"** -- the wise use and management of natural resources (soil, water, air, plants, and animals) to fulfill human needs now and in the future.
- **"Soil Conservation"** -- to protect soil from erosion, to keep it productive and out of waterways: to use and manage soil wisely now to ensure a rich soil resource for future generations.
- **"Water Conservation"** -- to protect water quality by keeping water clean from sediment, chemicals, oil and animal wastes; to protect water quantity by using smaller amounts of harmful elements; to use and manage water wisely now to ensure good water quality for future generations.
- **"Best Management Practices" (BMPs)** – agricultural practices that are suitable for reducing or minimizing the amount of water pollution generated by non-point sources; an engineered structure or management activity, or combination of these that eliminates or reduces adverse environmental effects of pollutants. Often called Best Management Practices.

Participant Eligibility:

The contest will be held for students in 9th through 12th grade.

Contest Cycle:

Runs concurrently with the school year and takes place in participating Districts.

Contest Procedure:

Contests will be conducted on the District Level only.

Specifications:

This category allows the student to select any medium or project type to creatively express the current theme. Examples of projects could include a wide range of expressions from art to working models of watersheds.

Judging Criteria:

Projects will be evaluated on the following points:

- Conservation Message 50%
- Originality 25%
- Creativity 25%

Projects must be identified by submitting the following information with the project:

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Project Title: _____

Student's Address/Email/Phone: _____

Parents' Name/Email: _____

Teacher's Name/Email: _____

School: _____ County: _____